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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 13, 2023

TAKE COURAGE. IT IS I.
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

Matthew 14:27

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Daily Mass: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

**Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)**

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Confessions: 20 minutes before
Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9am — 4:30pm

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(Registered Parishioners only)**

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Anchored in Faith

The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A share a common theme: finding faith amidst life's storms. In the First Reading, Prophet Elijah learned that faith is found in the stillness of our hearts, even in turbulent times. The Gospel tells of Peter walking on water towards Jesus but doubting amidst the storm. Yet, Jesus reminded him that true faith keeps our focus on Him.

Both stories show that faith is not just a feeling or the absence of difficulties. It's a steadfast trust in God's presence and power. When we face challenges, we must turn to God and listen for His voice.

In life's storms, God's gentle presence brings comfort, just as He whispered to Elijah and rescued Peter. With unwavering faith, we can overcome trials. God is always with us, inviting us to trust Him and anchor our faith in His love.

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Celebrate "Fiat Lux" Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 6 p.m.
(Via Zoom) For link: Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/684999751697?aff=oddtcreator KUSC radio will broadcast the new symphony "Fiat Lux" by two living Catholic artists: composer Sir James MacMillan & poet Dana Gioia, who will recite the libretto prior to the broadcast. Contact: Maggie mgallagher@bxvi.org

Pastor's Column

Carrying the Cross - By now, many of you may have heard of the Archbishop's plan to file for Chapter 11, as a way for this Archdiocese to handle the more than 500 lawsuits brought against her. As the Archbishop explained in his open letter last week, because the State removed the statute of limitations in 2019 on serial abuse claims for non-profits for 3 years, as of Dec 31, 2022, there are more than 500 civil lawsuits. The vast majority of these alleged abuse claims, the Archbishop explained, occurred in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s and involve priests who are deceased or no longer in ministry. However we may feel about the fairness of the lifting of the Statute of Limitations a second time - the first occurred in 2003 - or about these claims against individuals deceased and unable to defend themselves, we do have a responsibility to help legitimate victims heal. And even though we may feel it's unfair that we have to bear the burden of someone else's sin, I am reminded that the sinless Christ bore our sins. I feel the shame and sadness that family members feel when a loved one is accused of a horrendous crime, but as many family members do, as they stay together and support each other, we will get through this stronger, with the help of the Lord. So pray for the complete healing of the victims and their family and that they may not lose faith in God. It's not their fault for being victims and for seeking justice. But pray also for our church, from the Archbishop for the grace he needs to help bring healing to victims and their families, to the religious and lay people of this Archdiocese that we may remain faithful to the call of the Lord, to be Holy as He is Holy, and make His mercy and love known to the world, beginning with those hurt by the institutional Church. In closing, I want to assure you that monies that you donate to the Parish, School, or the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will only be used for your intended purpose, as required by State law. Monies to compensate victims will come only from Archdiocesan and insurance funds. Visit the Archdiocesan website for the Archbishop's letter and Q&A regarding the filing of Chapter 11: www.sfarch.org/protecting-children/

— *Fr. Dan*



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of August 13, 2023

Sunday, August 13

8:00am Bartolome Mandac (D)
 Healing, Michael Xavier

10:00am People of the Parish
 Gerry Rowley (D)

Noon People of the Parish

Monday, August 14

8:45am Tom McGrath (D)

Tuesday, August 15 –ASSUMPTION of MARY

8:45am Hisako Yamashita (D)

Noon DeWayne Dearstyne (D)

6:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 16

8:45am Patrick Lucey (D)

Thursday, August 17

8:45am Dianne Bromann (D)

Friday, August 18

8:45am Pat Toop (D)

Saturday, August 19

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm People of the Parish

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother’s entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary “was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body” (CCC, 974). Mary’s Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: “To live in heaven is ‘to be with Christ’” (CCC, 1025 citing Saint Ambrose). In the Annunciation, through her “yes,” Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God’s precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God’s gift of life?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Tuesday,
 August 15
 is a Holy
 Day of
 Obligation.
 Honor
 Mary.
 Make time
 for Mass!

Do you know someone struggling with infertility?

Modern medicine has made great strides in helping couples overcome infertility, by restoring reproductive health through the application of Natural Procreative Technology™ (see www.naprotechnology.com). Yet many people, even in the medical profession, are still unfamiliar with it, even though it has a success rate of up to 75% in restoring natural fertility. We have also partnered with Organic Conceptions, a new, evidence-based service for helping couples who struggle with infertility. For more information, contact Ed Hopfner -- hopfnere@sfarch.org or by phone at (415) 614-5547.

Archdiocesan
Annual
Appeal

Your commitment to this Annual Appeal enables the Archdiocese to provide vital services to our local community and our greater Church.

2023 Goal: \$49,348

Donations as of **8/8/23: \$23,725 (48% of Goal)**

Please donate directly online: **SArch.org/AAA**
 or drop off a check to help us meet our goal.

Previous Week’s Collections

Collection August 5-6 —\$3,786.00

School Earthquake Retrofit Fund —\$744.00

This week’s Second Collection
Building and Maintenance Fund

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